

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-1177

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I disapprove, and am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State Senate Bill 617.

This bill creates a fifth court of domestic relations for Harris County. Each of the four Courts of Domestic Relations previously created in Harris County provides that the judge of that court "shall be a member of the Juvenile Board of Harris County, which shall hereafter be composed of the judges of the several District Courts and Criminal District Courts of Harris County, the County Judge of Harris County, and the judges of the several Courts of Domestic Relations for Harris County."

Then, in 1965, in order to provide for a more efficient and effective operation by the Harris County Juvenile Board, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 459. That statute provides that the Juvenile Board shall consist of the County Judge, the judge of the Juvenile Court which was created simultaneously with the passage of Senate Bill 459, the judges of the Courts of Domestic Relations of Harris County, and a district judge appointed by a majority vote of the district judges of Harris County.

Now, this bill tracks the language of the bills which created the earlier Courts of Domestic Relations by providing that the Juvenile Board of Harris County "shall hereafter be composed of the judges of the several District Courts and Criminal District Courts of Harris County, the County Judge of Harris County, and the judges of the several Courts of Domestic Relations for Harris County." Although apparently and understandably inadvertent, this bill would have the effect of repealing the provision of Senate Bill 459 which spelled out the composition of the Harris County Juvenile Board. In addition to putting eighteen district judges and criminal district judges on the Board who are not presently on the Board, it

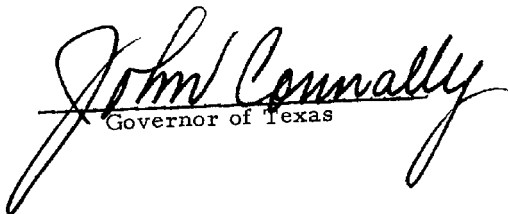
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would also remove from the Juvenile Board the judge of the Juvenile Court in Harris County--which certainly could not have been intended. The caption of this bill certainly contains no notice of such an important change in the composition of the Juvenile Board.

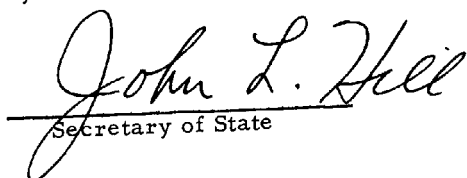
Leading representatives of the Harris County Bar and members of the Harris County legislative delegation have advised my office that this changed composition of the Harris County Juvenile Board was not intended and would be detrimental. In order to permit the recently realigned Harris County Juvenile Board to continue to operate in its more streamlined, effective, and useful manner, I, therefore, veto this bill.

Senate Bill 617 was received in the Governor's Office on May 29, 1967, less than 10 days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 60th Legislature, and in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, the Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

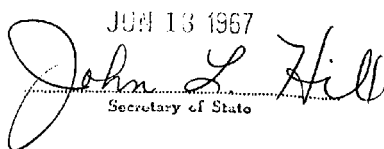
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereunto signed my name
officially and caused the seal
of State to be affixed hereto at
Austin this 13th day of June,
1967.


Governor of Texas

By the Governor:


Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
9:45 p.m. 9 O'CLOCK

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